

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows: (underlines denote addition, strike-through denotes deletion):

1. (Currently Amended) A sheet comprising at least a first ply  $P_1$  and a second ply  $P_2$  superimposed on each other and made of absorbent paper, ~~such as tissue paper~~, each ply having a grammage of between 10 and 40 g/m<sup>2</sup>, the first said ply presenting on its outer side cavities formed by embossing, corresponding to protuberances on its other side adjacent to the second ply, characterized in that the first ply  $P_1$  ( $P_1$ ) comprises first zones  $A_1$  ( $A_1$ ) forming cells with some first ~~eavities~~ (~~12~~) ~~protuberances~~, the cells being surrounded by second zones  $A_2$  ( $A_2$ ) with second ~~eavities~~ (~~18~~) ~~protuberances~~, the first zones  $A_1$  ( $A_1$ ) being in relief on the outer side in relation to the second zones  $A_2$  with a level difference  $N_A$   $N_1$ , the first zones  $A_1$  ( $A_1$ ) ~~presenting~~ ~~representing~~ a contour  $\Phi$  ( $D$ ) formed by a marking line.

2. (Currently Amended) The sheet as claimed in claim 1 whose depth of the first ~~eavities~~ (~~12~~) ~~protuberances~~ is at the most equal to the depth of the second ~~eavities~~ ~~protuberances~~ plus the level difference  $N_A$   $N_1$ .

3. (Previously Amended) The sheet as claimed in either of claims 1 or 2 comprising non-embossed third zones  $A_3$  ( $A_3$ ) between the second zones  $A_2$  ( $A_2$ ).

4. (Original) The sheet as claimed in either of claims 1 or 2 comprising third embossed zones  $A_4$  ( $A_4$ ) between the second zones  $A_2$  ( $A_2$ ).

5. (Currently Amended) The sheet as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the embossing of third zones  $A_4$  ( $A_4$ ) comprises ~~eavities~~ ~~protuberances~~ of a linear shape and/or alignments of ~~eavities~~ ~~protuberances~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The sheet as claimed in claim 5 whose second ~~eavities~~ ~~protuberances~~ (~~18~~) are at least in part aligned with the contour  $\Phi$  ( $D$ ).

7. (Currently Amended) The sheet as claimed in claim 5 whose first ~~eavities~~

protuberances(12) are tapered in shape.

8. (Currently Amended) The sheet as claimed in claim 5 whose first zones  $A_1$  ( $A_1$ ) feature third eavities protuberances (20) with a top having a linear shape.

9. (Previously Amended) The sheet according to claim 5 whose second ply  $P_2$  ( $P_2$ ) is not embossed.

10. (Currently Amended) The sheet according to claim 8 whose second ply  $P_2$  ( $P_2$ ) is embossed and presents protuberances, the two plies being in contact through the tops of the protuberances corresponding to the second eavities protuberances (18) and/or the tops of the third eavities protuberances (20).

11. (Currently Amended) The sheet as claimed in claim 10 whose two plies are bonded through at least one application of glue on the top of the second protuberances (18) and/or on the top of the third eavities protuberances (20).

12. (Original) The sheet as claimed in claim 11 whose first protuberances are not glued.

13. (Cancelled) A device for the manufacture of a sheet as claimed in claim 5 comprising at least one cylinder (100) with a rigid coating suitably engraved so as to present first zones A1 forming cells surrounded by second zones A2, the first zones A1 comprising first picots (112) and the second zones A2 comprising second picots (118), the bottom of the engraving of the first zones being at a level  $N_i$ , in relation to the rotation axis of the cylinder, lower than level N of the bottom of the engraving of the second zones.

14. (Cancelled) The device as claimed in claim 13 in which the top of the first picots (112) is at a level lower than the level  $N_s$  of the tops of the second picots (118).

15. (Cancelled) The device as claimed in claim 14 whose transition surface between the first zones A1 and the second zones A2 consists at least partly of elements with a tapered

surface (114) defining a gripping edge  $\text{D}_A$   $\text{D}_1$ .

16. (Cancelled) The device as claimed in claim 15 in which the angle formed by the tangent of wall (114) at the level of edge  $\text{D}_A$   $\text{D}_1$  and the cylinder radius is between  $20^\circ$  and  $50^\circ$ , preferably between  $25^\circ$  and  $35^\circ$ .

17. (Cancelled) The device as claimed in claim 16 whose level difference N-Ni is between 0.1 mm and 1.3 mm.

18. (Cancelled) The device as claimed in claim 17 whose level difference Ns-N is between 0.1 and 0.7 mm.

19. (Cancelled) The device as claimed in claim 18 whose level difference Ns-Ni is between 0.2 and 2.0 mm.

20. (Cancelled) A process for manufacturing a sheet as claimed in claim 5 wherein a band of absorbent paper is embossed by means of a device as claimed in claim 13.